

Framingham Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday January 10, 2006 at 7:30 PM

7:39 meeting called to order by William Hanson (Chair), with Steve Zallen, Joe Repole, Rich Whalen (Secretary), and Tim Lee present.

-> Vote on meeting minutes Steve Zallen motioned to accept after some minor edits, Joe Repole seconded, motion passed.

-> Review recent correspondence and media articles

- Letter to Mass Highway Department commenting on draft of the Highway Project Development and Design Guidebook.
- Letter on Share the road signs. Joe Repole will introduce it to the meeting of the Traffic and Roadway safety committee meeting on January 11. Joe mentioned that the Mass (State) Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory committee will be meeting Jan 18
- MSNBC article on Designing Heart-Healthy Communities
- AP Article on cross country trip.
- Frambors (email list) about snow block sidewalks.

-> Selection of officers for 2006: Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary

Joe Repole nominated William Hanson for Chair, Steve Zallen seconded,  
Joe Repole nominated Ed Kross for Vice Chair, Steve Zallen seconded,  
Joe Repole nominated Rich Whalen for Secretary, Steve Zallen seconded,  
All nominations approved.

William Hanson to confirm with Ed Kross that he is willing to be Vice Chair.

(Rich Whalen to communicate officer positions to town clerk after confirmation that Ed Kross will be vice chair)

8:00 PM

-> The 126/135 Task Force held its second meeting on December 19. FBPAC members have been appointed to this committee to help ensure that the final design enhances accommodation for pedestrians and bicyclists as well as provide an aesthetically pleasing streetscape.

Most of the discussion was with the consultant, reviewing the options and why the conclusion was the most feasible option was to depress Concord Street. It was pointed out that there is more traffic at Concord Street (Route 126)/Waverly Street (Route 135) intersection than there is at the railroad crossing, but the railroad crossing is more irritating as the wait is often longer. The next meeting on 1/30. Meetings are often televised on cable public access channel.

-> Status of the CTPS feasibility study for a rail trail through Nobscot

William Hanson attended the Meeting on 1/9 of the Friends of the Bruce Freeman Trail

The feasibility study is approaching draft format and will be entering the review process shortly. Time frame for release of the feasibility study is 2 to 4 months. The meeting was well attended, with a number of Framingham Town officials.

-> Status of the Farm Pond Task Force and the project to install bicycle lockers at MBTA commuter rail stations in the region  
No news.

8:30 PM Public comment  
None.

8:40 PM Review FBPAC accomplishments in 2005 and formulate a work plan for 2006

2005 accomplishments:  
Traffic study for CTPS for Bruce Freeman Trail  
Annual Handlebar/Sidewalk Survey  
Members attended Moving together conference.  
Participation on Farm Pond Task force.  
Share the road signs initiative.  
Started work on Bike lockers for train station  
Reviewed Mass Highway design manual

2006:  
MPO bicycle infrastructure improvement program (bike rack grants) - follow up on, hopefully getting a grant (check previous minutes for possible locations).  
Continue work on Share the road signs  
Continue work on bike lockers at the train station.  
Investigate the idea of pedestrian crossing aids at Burr Street and Cochituate Road (Route 30) intersection.  
Investigate the idea of bike racks on LIFT buses  
Handlebar/Sidewalk Survey.  
Participate in CRT grand opening.  
Publicize and attend Moving Together.

8:53 Joe Repole moved to adjourn, Steve Zallen seconded. Motion approved.